

Grenfell Support News

The future of the Grenfell Tower site

We know that the future of the Grenfell Tower site has been a concern for local residents.

The Government is committed to putting survivors, bereaved families and local community at the heart of deciding what should happen to the site. Residents will lead on decisions about the site and their wishes will be fully supported by the Council. This includes a commitment not to build on the site.

It has now been agreed that a fitting and lasting memorial will be a part of the healing process for all concerned. The Council will ensure that work on

the future of the site is taken forward alongside any improvements to the Lancaster West Estate, so the area becomes a place where the tragedy can be respectfully remembered. As the consultation continues, we will keep you up to date on further developments.

A set of principles agreed with the community and signed by the Government and Kensington and Chelsea Council, will guide the way future decisions are made.

You can read the principles here
goo.gl/gNGFNg



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Refurbishing Lancaster West – Next steps event

The future design of Lancaster West Estate is being discussed at an event on **Saturday 10 March**, with initial ideas for all blocks on the Estate being shared by top architects. This event, arranged with the Lancaster West Residents' Association, will be hosted at the Kensington Leisure Centre from **11am to 4pm**.

Architects are ready to discuss their plans including what can be done for peoples' flats and the areas everyone shares, as part of the multi-million pound refurbishment. This is residents' opportunity to see the proposals for different blocks, hear how they could fit together and let us know what they think. Urgent projects, like improving the current speed of repairs, will also be

discussed and residents can let the Council know what they want work to focus on.

The Leisure Centre will be offering free sports activities and training throughout the day. Lunch will also be provided. For more information, please visit: <http://lancwestrefurb.com>

Grenfell recovery and support – NEW drop-in advice and information event – 21 March

We would like to thank those of you who attended the recent Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee meetings at Notting Hill Methodist Church. Following feedback from residents and others, it was agreed that the current meeting format and venue needs to be improved. We want to provide the best environment to listen to your views, questions and concerns.

A drop-in advice and information event will now replace the next Grenfell Scrutiny Recovery Committee meeting and will be held at the **Museum of Brands, Lancaster Road, W11 1QT**. The meeting will run from **3pm to 8pm**. Officers will be on site to answer

questions, and give one-to-one information on the ongoing Grenfell response. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Council will also organise additional private drop in sessions for former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk, who will be contacted directly with further details.



Interested in fashion and design? ASOS has an opportunity for you

Are you 16 to 25, living in London and interested in fashion design with ASOS - the online clothes outlet?

Join their free one-week development programme where you can:

- Work as a group to create new fashion ideas
 - Learn how to redesign charity shop 'finds' and sell them on the ASOS website
 - Visit an ASOS factory and learn about the product development process
 - Use photography to create 'street style' fashion images
- There is also a Taster Day. For more information email charlotte.bawden@princes-trust.org.uk
- Taster Day:**
Tuesday 13 March 2018
- Main Programme:**
Monday 19 to 23 March 2018
- Location:** Camden

Come and work at The Curve

The Curve Community Centre – Governors needed

Passionate about supporting the North Kensington community? Want to drive a part of the response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy?

The Curve Community Centre is looking for leaders who have the ideas, skills and experience to drive the future of The Curve as one of its Governors. Governors will meet regularly to ensure that The Curve answers and acts on the views of residents, and is delivering engaging, quality services that the community wants.

Applications to become a Governor are now open and close on **Monday 19 March**. For more details on how you can apply visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/the曲/board-of-governors/

If you have any further questions, or to submit your application, please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk



Activities Programme at The Curve Community Centre

Sunday 11 March

- Come to The Curve to celebrate Mother's Day with light refreshments and card making activities.

Saturday 10 March

- 2pm-5pm – Community Mosaic workshop with Emily with light refreshments (please book)



Monday 12 March

- 10am-1pm – Five-week textile course (please book)
- 12pm-3pm – More learning and play (please book)
- 3pm-5pm – ESOL CV and job search workshops (please book)
- 5pm-7pm – Homework Club (ages 11-16)
- 6pm-8pm – ESOL - English for beginners (please book)

Tuesday 13 March

- 9.30am-12pm – ESOL - English for beginners (please book)
- 10am-3pm – Fouzia's Sewing Club: sew, stitch and knit
- 10.30am-12.30pm – Helping children deal with loss
- 12.30pm-2pm – ESOL - English for beginners (please book)
- 12pm-2pm – Money management (please book)
- 2pm-4pm – How to manage stress (please book)
- 5pm-6pm – Children's yoga (ages five-12)
- 6pm-7pm – Adult yoga
- 6pm-7pm – Creative group therapy session
- 5pm-6.30pm – Grenfell creative youth support group (ages 11-14 - please book)

Wednesday 14 March

- 10am-12pm – Coffee morning
- 1pm-3pm – Life coaching (please book)
- 4pm-4.45pm – Healthy snack time
- 5pm-7pm – Homework Club (ages five-11)
- 6pm-8pm – ESOL - English for beginners (please book)

Thursday 15 March

- 10.30am-12.30pm – Helping children deal with loss
- 11am-12pm – Baby massage with Semira
- 1pm-3pm – Family first aid (please book)
- 2pm-3pm – Chair yoga (drop-in)
- 2pm-4pm – ESOL CV and job search workshops (please book)
- 4pm-4.45pm – Healthy snack time (12 places available - drop-in)
- 4pm-5.45pm – MEND family activity
- 4pm-6pm – Therapeutic arts with Emily (ages five-11)



Friday 16 March

- 9.30am-11.30am – English communication and conversation class with Midaye
- 9.30am-2.30pm – Developing confidence (part one - please book)
- 1pm-3pm – Parent support drop-in
- 4pm-4.45pm – Healthy snack time (12 places available - drop-in)

The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP is open seven days a week.

Our opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm on weekends**.

The Crèche's opening hours are:

Monday and Tuesday

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Wednesday and Friday

10am-5pm

Thursday

No crèche provision

Stay and Play 1-3pm

The crèche is for parents attending appointments or courses at The Curve. Other Curve users are also able to use the crèche space when attending an event or activities.

To book a crèche place, please email: Semira.Hassen@rbkc.gov.uk

For any questions, or to book please email

thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk



For a full list of events visit
grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

Care for Grenfell

The Care for Grenfell team helps anyone who has been affected by the Grenfell tragedy and offers a single point of access to all Council services and support.

This phone line is open from 8am to 8pm and also provides an out-of-hours service which can be reached on the same number.

Call: **020 7745 6414** | Email: careforgrenfell@rbkc.gov.uk

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Bereavement support

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk.

The line is open 24 hours a day.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim Response Unit

also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing info@gmru.co.uk

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **077 1223 1133**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road**, from **10pm to 8am**.

Pop in for a chat and support.

Housing update

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk



We have committed £235 million to finding new homes for residents and have now secured 307 properties for families. We invite households to choose which properties they want to view from all those available on our Home Connections website. Households currently living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council or our partners, also have the option to make these properties their permanent home if they wish. For those households living in hotels and who wish to move into a temporary home, we will help to find private rented accommodation. We will help with furniture, bedding, crockery and cutlery, white goods and utilities.



Total number of households



Households in emergency accommodation



Households moved into accommodation
Temporary 64
Permanent 60



Accommodation offers accepted
Temporary 5
Permanent 73

These numbers are accurate as of 8 March 2018

Plans to improve housing stock

The Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management (KCTMO) organisation has now handed back the management of the borough's housing stock to the Council.

The Council's first priority will be to reduce the backlog of repairs and to improve services provided to tenants and leaseholders.

The Council has dedicated £100 million over the next five years which will ensure emergency repairs are completed more quickly, repairs work is checked to ensure residents are happy with the quality, and new

systems are introduced to reduce the number of missed appointments.

In addition, the Council has announced an additional £7.6million for repairs to the Trellick Tower, plus a further £500,000 fund for residents to target issues on their own estates.

As well as improving the repairs service for individual tenants and leaseholders, money will be spent on bigger projects to improve the housing stock.

The Council will only run housing services on a temporary basis and will consult with residents on how they want their estates managed in future.

How can we improve Grenfell Support newsletter?

The newsletter has taken on board feedback from residents to improve content and design.

If you have any ideas for articles for this newsletter, email us on CommsTeam@rbkc.gov.uk

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